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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO STATE 013708.
IT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING SITUATION FOR US.
2. WE NOTE THAT AMONG THOSE LISTED IN PARA EIGHT REFTEL
IS GENERAL WIDODO, HEAD OF JAVA-MADURA-NUSATENGGERA
MILITARY COMMAND. OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT WIDODO IS A
CHRISTIAN. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS AND, IF SO, HOW WOULD
THIS AFFECT HIS ELIGIBILITY AS ONE OF POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS?
3. WE WERE ALSO VERY INTRIGUED BY YOUR COMMENTS IN PARA
10 ON THE "UNKNOWN FACTOR" -- THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT
MASS OF OFFICERS BELOW THE TOP LEVEL. ANY FURTHER
THOUGHTS OR INFORMATION ON THIS MURKY SUBJECT WILL BE
READ WITH GREAT INTEREST HERE. KISSINGER

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